

**To:** Tauyan, Agnes T CIV CNRH, N00PA (b) (6)  
**From:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Sent:** Wed 11/4/2015 2:23:03 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Navy response

Hi Agnes,

Looks good to me, she did call me to get a clarification on the timing between 20 and 22 years and sent her the press release directing her to the part that said

"Much of the initial planning and decisions on how to proceed will be accomplished over the next two years. Each of the massive underground storage tanks that are in service will be upgraded in phases as quickly as practicable, but tanks that have not been upgraded within the following 20 years will be taken out of service."

Not sure what will come out, but work moves forward on the AOC and that's the most important thing!

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From: Tauyan, Agnes T CIV CNRH, N00PA (b) (6)  
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:10 PM  
To: Higuchi, Dean  
Subject: FW: Navy response

Aloha, Dean. Sharing what we sent to the Star-Advertiser. Thank you so much! Crossing fingers!  
Mahalo,  
Agnes

Ms. Agnes T. Tauyan  
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From: Vicki Viotti [mailto:VViotti@staradvertiser.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:02 PM  
To: Tauyan, Agnes T CIV CNRH, N00PA  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Navy response

Hi, Agnes!

Thanks for this. I'm probably not able to use quotes in the editorial, but it's good to have the statement. I'll make sure that it comports with how we're representing the Navy position. I'm checking against it now!

Sincerely,  
Vicki Viotti  
Editorial writer

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From: Tauyan, Agnes T CIV CNRH, N00PA (b) (6)  
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:48 PM  
To: Vicki Viotti  
Subject: Navy response

Aloha, Vicki. Thank you for your patience. Please feel free to attribute the following to Capt. Mark Manfredi, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Hawaii.

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"We continue to be committed to safe drinking water, environmental stewardship, energy security, and a fact-based approach to the continual upgrading and modernization of Red Hill. The Administrative Order on Consent ensures a deliberate, engineering-based process, with EPA/DOH approval and oversight is carried out. The drinking water is safe and we are committed to keeping it safe.

There is no fuel in the groundwater, but groundwater monitoring results indicate that trace amounts of petroleum constituents (parts of fuel) are in the groundwater directly beneath the Red Hill tanks. We conducted a groundwater resample test in June and a regularly scheduled quarterly sample in July, for which we have preliminary test results. Both samples show a downward trend from the April spike in the extremely small amount of constituents in the groundwater near Red Hill - below 4,000 parts per billion.

Of note, not all groundwater makes its way to drinking water sources. Studies show that time, distance and geological barriers between the Red Hill tanks and Board of Water Supply's drinking water sources would prevent any potential contamination from reaching the BWS drinking water shafts.\* All drinking water sampling results for Navy supplied water using laboratories conducting EPA certified test methods have been within Federal and State Safe Drinking Water standards both before and after the January 2014 release.

The Navy and Board of Water Supply and Department of Health have never found fuel from Red Hill in any drinking water. Long-term monitoring to evaluate any potential fuel constituents movements will continue with the results provided to the EPA/DOH for assessment. The Administrative Order on Consent requires the Navy under EPA/DOH oversight to evaluate existing models and the ground water monitoring program."

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Mahalo,  
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